



## ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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### DETERMINED TO BE TRAINED AS GOSPEL PREACHERS:



These three young men were invited to attend the current session of the Preacher Training School (PTS) in Nekemte. Left to right: Nebeyu Tamene, Gemechis Elias and Mexegebu Mosissa. Gemechis' journey began from his home in a distant western community called Seyo, a four hour walk from Dembi Dolo. He was to meet up with the other two there. Together they would normally catch a bus for the 190 mile trip to Nekemte. In Dembi Dolo they discovered there were no busses, trucks or private transportation traveling to Nekemte because of the unrest throughout the area. Their determination to go to the school wasn't lessened and they began to search for another way to get there. They obtained a ride in a minibus to the town of Gimbi. The next day they decided to start walking and they walked 22 miles to the town of Meti. The next morning they obtained rides on "Motorcycle Taxis" to the town of Arejo Gudatu. They started walking again and covered 24 more miles that day to the town of Arejo Diga where they spent the night. From there they called Brother Lemma at the PTS in Nekemte and explained their plight; they still had 12 miles to go. Lemma made an agreement with three motorcycle taxis to go pick them up and they finally arrived just in time to attend the opening of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Nekemte PTS. They will soon be prepared to reach out to new areas in the Western Region with the gospel message. With that kind of determination, they will do well preaching, teaching and establishing churches.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF A SIMPLE BREAKFAST:



Brother Moges visited our Mazoria School for the Deaf this week and sent this picture and short report:

**"Tigist Mekiso**, a deaf student, lives in the Ofoda area of Badewatcho. Her home is a three and one half hour walk from our school. Each morning she must leave home before daylight and following the school day, she must do the long walk back home. For students like Tigist, the simple breakfast of loaf of bread and a cup of hot tea is extremely important." Moges went on to say, "There are a number of students who walk more than one hour to school each day as there are no other schools for the deaf in the entire area. Our teachers reported this food was very meaningful for these students. The people living in the areas of Badewatcho are

desperately poor and many families have only one meal each day. Some of you who read this report send funds to assist in feeding these children this simple meal. The children are blessed and God is praised by your loving gifts."

## **NEW WATER WELL AGREEMENT SIGNED:**



The need for pure clean lifesaving water continues to rise. Most people in rural Ethiopia must obtain water from rain water collection ponds, like the one on the left. Over time, water lilies grow in most ponds and unless they are cleaned out every year the lilies will take over and destroy this last resort of water for thousands of people. Wells like the ones on the right were completed in places where the need for good water was extremely crucial. The twenty wells on the new agreement will be drilled in the Kambatta and Wollieta Districts. These areas are the heartland of the church and many who will benefit from the good water will be our Christian brethren. Drilling should start the fourth week of May, weather permitting. The drilling areas are remote having no roads; just trails where people and animals walk. Please pray for our crew and that our equipment will survive the rough terrain. We believe the 20 wells can be completed in 60-90 days providing the rains do not prevent taking the equipment into the areas.

## **SISTER ETENESH WACHELO:**



Etenesh is a Christian sister, a widow and the single mother of three children. Dawit, her oldest son, is pictured with her. She has been the assistant cook at the Jajura School of Preaching since the school opened over 20 years ago. She made sure her children understood the importance of being faithful to God and to provide as best she could the opportunity for a good education. Dawit recently graduated with a B.A. Degree from a Government University. However, before he entered the work force, he came to attend the present session of the Jajura School of Preaching so he will be equipped to teach and plant a congregation wherever his chosen profession might take him. Her second son, Mesay, will graduate this year from the National Teacher's Training Institute and hopes to enter the next session at the Jajura School of Preaching before he accepts an assignment to teach somewhere in a government school. Her third child is a young lady. All of the family grew up in the Jajura congregation. Sister Etenesh is an example for all; showing what can be done with very little financial resource and an absolute dedication to faithfulness and a life time goal of passing on to her children the opportunities she didn't have.

Briefly, it seems the unrest has faded and life has returned to normal throughout southern Ethiopia. Brother Habtu is in Ethiopia at this writing and will be visiting the work in Jimma, Nekemte, Shone, Matoria and Jajura; as well as Addis Ababa. Don Wilson will be in Ethiopia for the first three weeks of drilling; Don is a master mechanic and will be a vital asset as the crew starts the new project. Please pray for all these good works. You who read this report and provide the needed support to enable this ministry to go forward are providing a tremendous blessing for many, spiritually and physically. Thank you.

Kevin and John Ed Clark